



### Did You Know—August 25, 2022

Wow—has a month already passed since I saw you last? What a whirlwind! I hope you are all getting settled into the new year and your job. Our staff has been doing lots of planning—preparing for the coming year and all the training that we hope to offer!

For those of you new to my newsletter, I try to put out weekly messages with important dates and information as well as resources, classroom management tips, and interesting information pertinent in the world today. Each item will have a highlight of what the gist of the message is, and you can read it or choose not to, depending on your interest. The purpose of the email is mostly to avoiding filling your inbox with all the information I receive—consider this a filter that hopefully meets the needs of every recipient.

1. Please help me in wishing our own **Rhonda Foote, Administrative Assistant for HCE a fond farewell as she enters retirement on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Our staff isn't sure what we are going to do without her endless knowledge of agency processes and procedures! If you can, we would love to welcome you to her **retirement reception on Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 2-3:30pm** at ODCTE. We are asking people to send recipes of your favorite dish that could be transferred to a card as part of her special gift of memories.



2. With that said, we have an **opening in our office** for **Administrative Assistant II** that will close the first week in September. Please share with interested parties!! You KNOW I'm a fun boss to have! 😊 We will also hire a **part time assistant** for a 19 hour max in the same time frame. Just

a wee bit above minimum wage and you don't have to smell like hamburgers! See the embedded links for more information!

3. Did you say **DATES**?? Indeed, I did! More specific information will follow:

- Aug. 29, OKACTE Leadership Meeting, Durant, OK
- Sept. 7, Ok HOSA Leadership Advisory Board, 10am Stillwater
- Sept. 19-22, 2022, Canadian Valley Tech Accreditation Site Visit
- Sept. 21-26, HOSA Washington Leadership Academy
- Sept. 26-29, HOSA State Advisor Management Conference
- Sept. 30, New Director's Training, ODCTE, 9-12, ZOOM
- Oct. 3-7, Tulsa Tech Accreditation Site Visit
- Oct. 11-12, PN Director's Retreat, TBA
- Oct. 17-19, Gordon Cooper Accreditation Site Visit
- Oct. 19, 2022, HOSA Fall Leadership Conference, Embassy Suites, Norman OK
- Oct. 24-27, Mid Del Tech Accreditation Site Visit
- Oct. 26-28, National Health Science Conference, Charleston, South Carolina
- Nov. 1, 10am Ok Education and Industry Partnership, Health Focus, Virtual Meeting
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2, ACTE Vision Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- Dec. 5-8, Autry Tech Accreditation Site Visit
- Jan. 10-12, NEW TEACHER Make-up (if did not attend in July 2022), ODCTE

4. **Financial Literacy**—six of the best books: [6 Great Financial Literacy Books for Kids and Students | Educational Technology and Mobile Learning \(educatorstechnology.com\)](#)

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5. [What the #quietquitting TikTok trend really means](#)

Workers on TikTok are sharing stories about burnout using the **hashtag #quietquitting**, which currently has more than 18 million views, but the term doesn't refer to leaving a job -- relating instead to a refusal to go above and beyond, perform tasks outside of job descriptions or work overtime. Leaders must start regularly talking to workers, says leadership and career coach Kathy Caprino, noting, "If you don't understand the internal state of your employees, things are going to happen that you're going to be blindsided by." **Full Story:** [CNN](#)

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6. **New teachers** have been divided among Susie McEachern-Lauer, Sandy Patocka and myself for site visits. If you haven't already received a message from one of us, letting you know we will be scheduling a meeting soon on your campus, then you will!
7. GREAT JOB to the **Radiologic Technology** group who were the FIRST (whoop whoop!) to complete their **Curriculum Review** as needed for the CareerTech Instructional Framework. We received information at Ok Summit that will guide us in scheduling those meetings within the next six months or so! Our goal is to have all the new "program" data including courses, descriptions, hours, objectives, in the framework by early spring!
8. **New standards** for CORE, Med Term, A & P and Technical Skills (CPR/FA/Vital Signs) have been updated with your help! Thank you to all those who helped with the National Health Science Skills review last spring and this summer. Please watch for an additional email announcing the revised standards next week! The document that will be sent shows what the changes were BY EACH STANDARD. **Oklahoma uses the NHSS as a framework for ALL CareerTech curriculum.** The final edited copy will be found on <http://www.healthscienceconsortium.org>
9. **High School Students Say They Learn The Most Important Skills Outside of School** | [EdSurge News](#) Evans lays out her research in a new book due out this fall, called "Free Agent Learning: Leveraging Students' Self-Directed Learning to Transform K-12 Education." The trend that could have a huge impact on education, at the K-12 and college level, Evans argues. For one thing, it's a challenge to teachers—that they should do more to tap into the intrinsic motivation of students, that students can learn so much more if they're excited about what they're doing. But it's also a challenge to the way many teachers view their role. In other words, maybe the best teachers are those guiding a student's self-study rather than the one at the front with all the answers.
10. Ever wonder what is real and what is fake? And how do you teach students the difference? **News Literacy Project's (NLP) Checkology site**, which gives real-life examples from social media and news resources to help students figure out what's real and fake. Boyd, an NLP News Literacy Ambassador, also appreciates NLP's weekly [Sift newsletter](#) as a real-time tool that offers examples, lessons, and discussion questions from current news topics. NLP also has an app, [Informable](#), and a podcast, [Is That a Fact?](#)
11. Create your own **class website or blog**! [Best Platforms to Create A Classroom Website and Blog | Educational Technology and Mobile Learning \(educatorstechnology.com\)](#)
12. Resource Partner of the Week—**Goodheart-Wilcox Publishing GW**—Partner of the Week:  
  
Designed for a short course, *The Nursing Assistant: Essentials of Holistic Care, Brief Edition* is accessible for students of all levels. Richly illustrated, step-by-step procedures teach students how to perform the tasks required of a nursing assistant in a long-term care facility. By

mastering these skills, students will be better prepared to pass the certification competency examination.

13. Mental Health Tip—**Mental Health Crisis Line Launched!!!** The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has shifted to 988. This number is available for every person in every state. The new 988 presents a more visible, universal option for people in crisis, and could help reduce pressure on law enforcement and hospital systems. In accordance with the [National Suicide Hotline Designation Act](#) signed in 2020, this three-digit number will be adopted universally and will connect individuals to call centers staffed by trained crisis workers or volunteers. For additional information: [States Prepare for Launch of 988 Mental Health Crisis Line - The National Academy for State Health Policy \(nashp.org\)](#) Consider having students use this as an opportunity to put together a [public service announcement](#) on this important resource!

If I or someone on my staff can ever be a resource to you, please call or email us! That's what we are here for and what we love to do!